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SUBJECT:TERMINATION OF PPSU

REF: BUENOS AIRES 3781

1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED AND CAREFULLY CONSIDERED
POINTS RAISED IN REFTEL. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT POST UNDER-
STAND THAT BOTH DEPARTMENT AND MARINE CORPS ARE COMMITTED
TO TERMINATION OF PPSU PROGRAM IN ITS ENTIRETY. BUENOS
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AIRES DETACHMENT IS LAST TO BE ELIMINATED.

2. IN CRITICAL SITUATIONS, DEPARTMENT HAS RESOURCES TO
DETAIL PROFESSIONALLY TRAINED SECURITY OFFICERS, EX-
PERIENCED IN PROTECTIVE MATTERS, TO WORK WITH AND SUPPLE-
MENT HOST GOVERNMENT POLICE PERSONNEL, ON AN AS-NEEDED
BASIS.

3. TO ASSIST POST THROUGH TRANSITION PERIOD, DEPARTMENT WILL CONSIDER EXTENSION OF THOSE PPSU PERSONNEL WHO HAVE SUFFICIENT TIME REMAINING ON THEIR TOURS, I.E., DOOLEY, RISINGER, PARKER, BISHOP, GLENN, AND LEIGH, UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1, 1977. NO TRAINED PPSU REPLACEMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE, EVEN TEMPORARILY, SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE MEMBERS BECOME INCAPACITATED OR OTHERWISE UNABLE TO PERFORM THEIR MISSION.

ORDERS HAVE BEEN PREPARED FOR TRIGLIA AND ROBINSON AND THEY MAY BE EXPECTED TO DEPART WITHIN ONE WEEK.

4. THE EMBASSY MAY WISH TO CONSIDER THE UTILIZATION OF AN ASSIGNED EMBASSY DRIVER FOR THE CHIEF OF MISSION'S FAC IN LIEU OF A PPSU MARINE. CHAUFFEUR CAN BE INFORMED OF THE AMBASSADOR'S SCHEDULE IN THE SAME MANNER AS SIMILAR PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN THE COM'S PROTECTIVE UNIT.

5. THE DEPARTMENT WILL RESPOND TO REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING PERSONNEL TO TRAIN FEDERAL POLICE OR EMBASSY PERSONNEL IN USE OF WEAPONS, DEFENSIVE DRIVING TECHNIQUES, ETC. RSO SHOULD REQUEST SUCH PERSONNEL AS SOON AS REQUIREMENTS ARE KNOWN. THE NEED FOR STANDARDIZED WEAPONS TO BE ASSIGNED TO HOST GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL SHOULD BE DETERMINED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND REQUESTED FROM A/SY/OPS/T/SP AS SHOULD ANY ADDITIONAL TRAINING AMMUNITION, TARGETS, OR OTHER EQUIPMENT.

6. IN RESPONSE TO PARA 5, REFTTEL, THE RSO IS EXPECTED
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TO COORDINATE WITH THE FEDERAL POLICE ALL SCHEDULES AND ARRANGEMENTS NECESSARY AND DEVELOP CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR RESPONSES TO NIGHT REQUESTS. GREATER UTILIZATION OF THE A/RSO MAY BE NECESSARY TO SET THE DESIRED EXAMPLE, EXERCISE PROPER CONTROL, AND PROVIDE ON-SITE SUPERVISION. CHRISTOPHER

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